

# Hitler Totalitarian Lesson

## 1. Hitler used totalitarian means to govern Germany.

- \* Outlawed all parties but Nazi
- \* Lied about potential & real enemies
- \* Abolished free speech, free press
- \* Used Gestapo (secret police)
- \* manipulated the media
- \* Used church pulpits to spread his message

Pick up a DBQ from the middle table

- \* read the question
- \* without looking at the docs, determine three logical groups that you could likely use

## 2. Hitler came to and held power by legitimate means.

- \* Appointed Chancellor by Pres. von Hindenburg in 1933
- \* Nazi Party gained status in elections to win seats in the Reichstag
- \* Enabling Act gave him 4 years of dictatorial power in 1933

## 3. Hitler set realistic goals and used realistic means to achieve them.

- \* Made huge advances in the economy via public works
- \* Racial supremacy and living space ideas were unrealistic and the horrendous means he used failed
- \* Promoted and restored German nationalism
- \* Fuhrer Concept

4. Hitler helped turn Germany into a great and powerful industrial nation.

- \* Took the Ruhr from France
- \* Standard of living increased for most
- \* Unemployment fell from 6 mill. to 1 million
- \* Massive public works created jobs
- \* Rabid nationalism was contagious

5. Hitler used the media to promote his power in Germany.

- \* Mass media propaganda was used to drill home the message of anti-Semitism and racial supremacy, as well as German entitlement to a better world
- \* A super charismatic speaker

6. Hitler was a fair and just man when dealing with his people.

- \* Anti-Semitic
- \* Saw non-Aryans as subhuman (Slavs, Gypsies, Jews, Jehova's Witnesses, homosexuals, the disabled, etc.)
- \* Controlled the media, arts, literature

Homework: Ch. 29-4 and Sources

Ch. 13-8, 9, 11a, 11b